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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 2 January 1969

ADD/I provided the Director with a written summary of developments in the operation of the New York liaison office with the new Administration. He noted that Eagleburger appears to be emerging as a key person in Kissinger's entourage, that morning briefings are held regularly, that Kissinger has asked for a series of short policy papers to be included at intervals in an Annex to the PDB, and that Kissinger has requested a briefing on sensitive operations which could receive publicity during the first months of the new Administration.

ADD/I recounted the abortive briefing of Kissinger and company by a representative of the Joint Chiefs on strategic balance between the U. S. and the U. S. S. R.

ADD/I recapped his briefing of the Budget Director-designate, Robert Mayo.

DDCI noted that General Carroll has asked that we provide the compartmented systems clearance briefings for the new Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Godfrey briefed on the military situation in Vietnam, noting that enemy units which several weeks ago moved back into sanctuary have re-moved into III Corps just north of Saigon and through the DMZ into I Corps. He advised that the infiltration rate has risen significantly and that we anticipate a major thrust in the near future in III Corps.

Godfrey briefed on the Middle East situation and noted in particular the diplomatic intervention by the Soviets with the Egyptians. He advised that we now have the substance of Gromyko's proposal to Nasser which shows a good deal of progress, particularly in connection with

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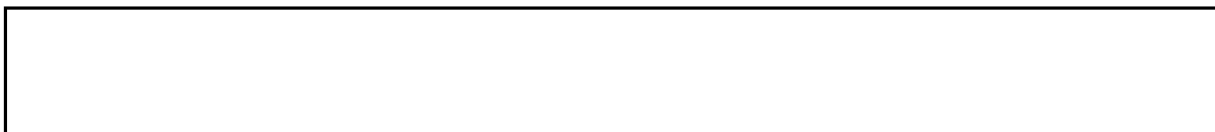
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phased Israeli withdrawal, free navigation of the Suez Canal and the Straits of Tiran, and formal recognition by the Arabs of Israel as a sovereign state.

D/ONE drew attention to the request from Walt Rostow and General Maxwell Taylor for a SNIE on the pacification program to be completed before 20 January.



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D/ONE informed that the MC-161 paper is now being prepared.



ADD/S briefed on the recruitment incident at the University of Indiana and noted that Senator Bayh and Congressman Bray were not altogether happy with our withdrawal from the campus.

ADD/S noted that the trial of the CAT pilots is still in process.



ADD/S informed of the logistics support being provided by the Office of Security to the move of the Lyndon B. Johnson Library materials to Austin.

Carver recounted the briefing of General Maxwell Taylor on the PHOENIX program.

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Carver reported that Secretary-designate Laird will hence-forward be sitting in with Secretary Clifford on various substantive sessions.

Carver noted that Secretary Bundy has asked for a general written overview of where the United States stands in Vietnam for purposes of fully informing the new Administration.

Carver advised that there has been much talk but little movement in Paris, with the North Vietnamese showing intransigence on their circular table proposal and the South Vietnamese currently divided among themselves.

25X1 [] for Maury advised that the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy will probably call us in early in the year for our annual briefing. The Director asked that we carefully prepare the part of our testimony concerning NATO security cases and ensure that it jibes with what George Murphy has been told.

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Parrott recounted the information handling briefing given by General Robert Taylor to General Maxwell Taylor and Dr. Baker.

Parrott briefed on TOD developments.

Parrott reported that CCPC is working on the contingency intelligence plan for a Vietnamese cease-fire.

Parrott noted that Defense has sent the Eachus report to the Baker Panel of PFIAB along with comments by NIRB and the Director.

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DD/S&T indicated that the Soviet reaction to Apollo 8 was interesting in that they confirmed that the Zond 5 program was an effort to achieve manned circumlunar orbit first.

DD/S&T reported that Dave Brandwein briefed the Townes space panel.

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25X1 *DD/S&T advised that [] and he are planning to brief Dr. DuBridge in California next week. The Director asked the DD/S&T to ensure that Dr. DuBridge is thoroughly briefed on the complex historical background to the establishment and role of NRO.

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DD/P noted that the Bureau of the Budget has agreed to two thirds of the overseas positions which we sought in the wake of BALPA.

DD/P reported that within the next several days the Director will be presented with our plan for turning over the RDC program.

Executive Director briefed on the package of transition materials provided to the President's transition officer and designed for inclusion in the Lyndon B. Johnson Library.

Executive Director noted that the Bureau of the Budget requested a list of all people in other Government agencies who have received intelligence clearances. He noted that we provided a list of only those individuals who have been cleared by us for information over which we have control.

Executive Director noted that John Hurley, our budget examiner, is currently on a familiarization visit to certain countries in the Far and Near East.

Executive Director briefed on the budget preview session arranged at Headquarters for Messrs. Woodruff and Michaels.

Executive Director noted that the President has insisted on showing a net personnel reduction as a result of BALPA and that the Bureau of the Budget has tabbed the Agency for an eighty-nine-position reduction.

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DDCI briefed on the current status of the Wood study on overseas bases and noted that General Reynolds will be our representative on the SIG political/military group which will be formulating recommendations flowing from the study.

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DDCI and DD/S&T briefed on Francis Gary Powers' intended interview with CBS and his desire to write a book.

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DDCI advised that General Maxwell Taylor is apparently succeeding in his effort to get the IDA study on national security declassified.



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